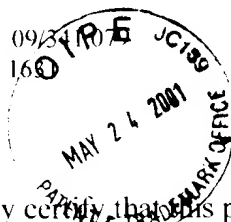


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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Action, mailed November 21, 2000, having a shortened statutory period for response which expires February 21, 2001, a petition for a three (3) month extension with the requisite fee being attached hereto, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections, and the allowance of all claims in view of the following amendments, remarks and Declaration of Dr. Jacques Fresco being sent under separate cover.